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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with some improvement noted for fill-in and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Limited sales reported. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Supplies were tight and held with confidence with more interest noted for export.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light, sales centered on frozen tom drums and thigh meat. Buyers cautious and selective when faced with advancing offering prices. Demand remains fairly good. Interest noted from Russia, Mexico and Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 18, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	61-63	62.00	160	68.00	200	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	64.50	280	NOV	560	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	60-62	61.55	110	65.00	160	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	63.50	40	NOV	240	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2003 **CURRENT WEEK** **LAST WEEK** **SAME WEEK YEAR AGO**

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	62.31	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.99	62.00	64.83
WESTERN REGION	64.57	61.50	66.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.26	59.33	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	59.50 **	58.70 **	56.50
WESTERN REGION	62.00	60.40	58.00 **

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 22-SEP-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.42	157	66.67 30
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.42	157	66.67 30
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		60	40

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

AUGUST	433,041*
SEPTEMBER 1-13, 2003	190,870*
To date 2003	4,087,239*
To date 2002	3,637,346*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 13-Sep-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	840	18	21.61	(A)	842 21.61
SATL	918	29	28.29	(A)	920 28.29
N CENT	2,200	20	30.14	(A)	2,202 30.14
S CENT	483	30	19.81	(A)	485 19.81
WEST	458	2	22.07	(A)	458 22.07
U.S. TOTAL	4,899(B)	20	26.56	8	4,907 26.56
TO-DATE					
2003	171,208(B)			517	171,725
TO-DATE					
2002	170,295(B)			293	170,588

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000; for the year 2,282,000; last year to date 1,910,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 13-Sep-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,980	2,882	37	8	4,907
AVG WT	15.25	34.37	24.16	30.02	26.56
LAST WEEK	1,670	2,356	41	22	4,089
SAME WK YR AGO	1,946	2,888	88	17	4,939
AVG WT	15.32	34.24	23.86	28.84	26.58
TO-DATE/2003	68,753	100,173	2,282	517	171,725
TO-DATE/2002	68,063	100,322	1,910	293	170,588

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 SEPTEMBER 2003.

The undertone on frozen thigh meat was steady to firm. Inquiry was fair to good with the best interest noted into export channels. Offerings were light at best and held with confidence with some asking higher prices. However, increased price resistance was noted at the higher frozen thigh meat offering prices. Seller sentiment was steady to mostly firm on fresh thigh meat. Demand was slow to moderate on fresh thigh meat with a few sellers noting a less aggressive buyer interest at the higher trending market levels. Fresh thigh meat offerings ranged from short to instances adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on tom bulk parts with a few notes of caution being aired. Trading light on all items. Livers traded at 17.50 cents delivered pet foods.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	87.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	136.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	79.00		79.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	38.83	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	37.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	37.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.50		28.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	69.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.50		17.50	40
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-170.00		168.29	140
THIGH MEAT		F	89.47	102
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	94.00-97.00		96.40	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	78.00	8
SCAPULA MEAT	70.00		70.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	96.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	85.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	125.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-41.00		40.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	28.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	24.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00-95.00		93.00	280

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on frozen thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good with most interest noted from exporters. Supplies were light and held with confidence. Increased offering prices have met some resistance. Processors remain firm on offering prices, as most unable to fill current demand. Inquiry mixed. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on tom bulk parts. Trading generally light on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	87.00	120	87.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	79.00	200	79.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-41.00		39.67	120	39.29	252
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	39.00-41.00		39.94	85	39.94	85
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	27	38.54	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-28.50		27.88	160	27.88	332
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	3	27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	40.00	200	38.65	316
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.68	249	17.57	329
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	11	17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-172.00		168.80	200	169.04	540
THIGH MEAT		F	89.47	102		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	88.00-96.00		92.44	36	92.22	166
BREAST TRIM MEAT	71.00		71.00	40	71.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	64.00-70.00		67.63	80	68.25	200
TENDERLOINS		F	96.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	85.00	160	85.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	48.00		48.00	30	48.00	30
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	119.00		119.00	10	122.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	34	21.92	74
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.50	112	40.40	592
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	224	28.00	384
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	40	24.38	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	93.00	280	92.63	320

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